



Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal Improvement Project

What's happening?

Washington State Ferries (WSF) is improving the Bainbridge Island ferry terminal.

Key features:

- Improve access for non-motorized, motorized and transit users
- Lessen congestion on local roadways by expanding vehicle holding
- Passenger terminal facility improvements
- Repair aging structures to increase safety and reliability of service

New since 1998:

- Security requirements (2004)
- WSF Business Plan (2002)
- Community and regional demographics
- City plans and community initiatives



Why are ferry terminal improvements needed?

The Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal is among WSF's busiest facilities. Repairs to the facility have been minimal with most major work done 20 years ago. Key structural components of the terminal need to be replaced, including the overhead loading facilities. Safety and circulation improvements are needed for transit, autos, pedestrians, bicyclists and persons with limited mobility.



Deficiencies at Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal

What will the project involve?

As a first step, WSF is reviewing the 1998 ferry terminal master plan. This includes re-examining original data, looking at past options and reasons for selection and developing new concepts based on current information and ridership projections for the 2030 timeframe. WSF is moving forward with trestle replacement, a near-term project identified in the 1998 plan.

How did we get here?

WSF prepared a Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal Master Plan during the mid-1990s to complement Kitsap Transit and the City of Bainbridge Island's transportation planning efforts. The master plan design featured improved access for pedestrians, bicyclists, cars and buses. Due to the passage of Initiative 695, funding for the terminal improvement projects identified in the 1998 plan were put on hold. In 2005, the Legislature recognized the need

for substantial improvements at the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal by appropriating funding for the proposed projects.

How much will this cost?

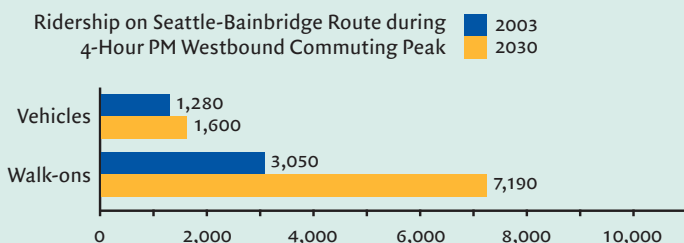
The projects identified in the 1998 plan are estimated to cost \$160 million. This funding has been approved by the Legislature, phased over the next twelve years.

What did the 1998 Master Plan do?

The 1998 Master Plan set forth a recommended set of projects at and around the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal. The Plan's near-term projects were intended to maintain the existing facilities in safe and efficient operating condition. Meanwhile, the Plan's long-term projects were intended to address needs over the next

30 years through a carefully structured set of improvements for transit, non-motorized, and vehicle users.

Ridership on the Bainbridge–Seattle Route is Projected to Increase



How can I get involved?

Your thoughts and opinions are important to us. Please contact the project team if you have questions or comments or would like to be added to the WSF Bainbridge Projects mailing list.

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Why is WSF moving forward with trestle replacement?

Trestle Preservation was identified as urgently needed work in the 1998 Master Plan. This project removes old, rotting sections of trestle, commonly referred to as the dock, and replaces it with new, more durable, steel and concrete structures. It is scheduled to be completed this summer.



To maintain safe and efficient ferry service, the old wooden trestle at the ferry terminal is being replaced.

What public involvement opportunities are included as part of this project?

Public participation opportunities, including public meetings and community briefings, will be offered throughout the duration of the project. In April 2006, WSF held its first public work session to explore options that benefit both the community and ferry operations.

A 12-member Community Advisory Group (CAG) is working with WSF to provide customer and community input in the development of a preferred alternative for the ferry terminal. Members will provide input to WSF from the community perspective and assist in keeping the public informed of the project's progress. CAG meetings are open to the public.

What coordination is occurring with other WSF efforts?

Another WSF project is underway at the Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility. Planning and design efforts are coordinated with activities at the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal and development of the WSF Long-Range Strategic Plan.

What is the time line for improving the terminal?

WSF has adjusted its time line to allow for better coordination with the City of Bainbridge Island on its planning for areas adjacent to the terminal. Project milestones include:

- Summer 2006 Refine Design Concepts
- Fall 2006 Identify Alternatives
- Early 2007 Public & Agency Scoping
- Summer 2008 Draft Environmental Document
- Fall 2008 Final Environmental Document
- 2009 Construction begins



Workshop participants reviewing design options for the new ferry terminal.

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